



EAST GOSCOTE
SCOUT GROUP

2025-2026

ANNUAL REPORT

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Squirrels Report

Where does the time go? We cannot believe that we have been running for a whole year now! Over the past 12 months, we have gone from strength to strength and have been delighted to welcome a new leader to the Drey, which has helped us increase our numbers.

Back in April, we celebrated our first birthday with a camp at Oaks in Charnwood alongside our friends from Mountsorrel Squirrels. We had an amazing time trying lots of new activities. As leaders, we could not have been prouder of how well behaved and brave all the children were throughout the weekend.



We were also lucky enough to welcome some very special guests to speak with the Squirrels. The children had the opportunity to explore the inside of a real ambulance and police car, learning more about the important roles the emergency services play and what to do in an emergency.

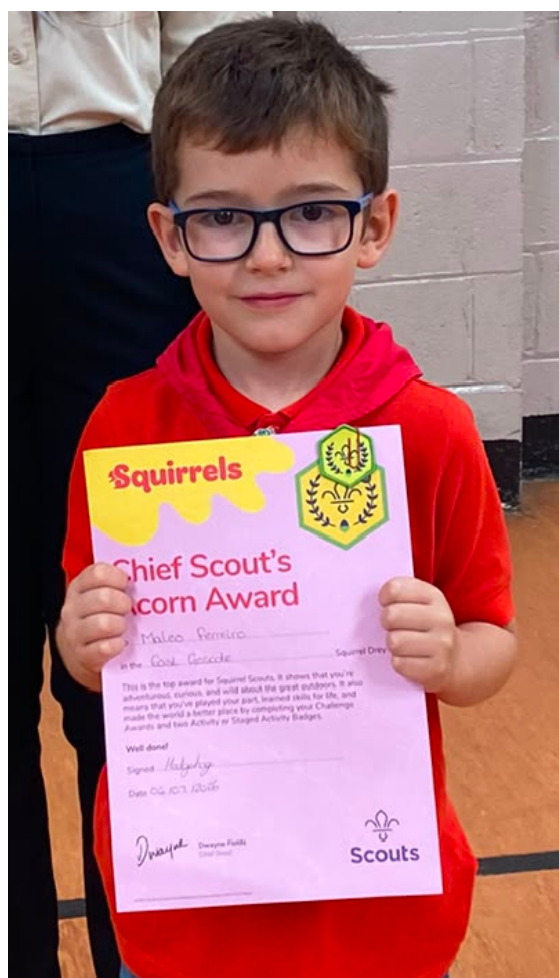
In the spring, we visited Brooksby College, where we learnt lots about the countryside and wildlife. We even got to meet piglets that had been born that very morning, as well as some very cute lambs.

Over the summer, we have been busy enjoying a range of exciting activities. We were fortunate to be invited to a real working farm, where we helped feed the cattle, collected eggs, and enjoyed a trailer ride around the fields.

We also explored our creative side by making nature crafts and taking part in junk modelling activities.

Many Squirrels have worked hard to complete a variety of badges, and we were especially proud to see our first two Squirrels achieve their Chief Acorn Award. Several others have also completed the You Shape Award, which encourages young people to have their say and shape their own Scouting journey.

We are looking forward to another fantastic term filled with fun, adventure, learning, and plenty of opportunities for our Squirrels to grow and thrive.



Beaver Report

Since we last reported back in September 2025 we have been a hive of activity, and we still have Rearsby Beavers with us, they must really love being with us!

We started off with our World Challenge badge back in September 2025, we did a litter pick around the scout hut and the nearby field, we learnt about Black History and did a great time line of events for well known people, we made some Chinese Flowers and also visited the Birstall Fire Station (our first attempt was short lived though because as soon as we were about to go in the siren went off and the fire brigade had to depart on an emergency call). When we rearranged it we had an amazing time, the Beavers were shown around the Fire Engine and told about all the equipment they have to carry around. They got to climb into the Fire Engine too and then the finale was to have a go with the fire hose. Very excited Children indeed!

We continued our term with our Creative badge, we created our own Hallowe'en monsters, we made decorations for the Church Christmas Tree Festival and we learnt the words to Little Donkey to sing at the Group Christmas Carol Concert. They were absolutely amazing and sang really well, we were so pleased as we put in a lot of effort each week to learn the song.

We finished off the year with a Christmas Party, playing lots of party games and having a right good old jig to the good old favourite Christmas tunes.



We started off 2026 with our Builders badge, first designing something they wanted to build and listing all the items they needed for it, then the following week they brought all the bits they needed to build their model, some very impressive creations. As you can see in the picture a lot of concentration was needed.

We then moved onto our Skills Challenge badge, followed by our Safety Activity badge, sneaking in our Emergency Aid badge and a bit of photography too ending with a trip to Jump Giants again (told you we would be going back again).



We had a great time on our summer camp too, this year we visited John's Lee Wood, we booked the caving experience (which they absolutely loved) and the Go-Karts too. We had lots of activities and games to keep them busy and I believe they had a brilliant time.



We come to a sad part here as we said goodbye to Wren, she decided to hang up her wood badge and retire from Beavers, we were all really sad to see her go but she will be staying on as a Trustee. Thank you so much Wren for all your support over the years – it's been amazing. Finally as always, I would like to say a very big thank you to my fellow leaders Tyler Fowler and Pip Hubbard, and our helper Fred for all your hard work and support. We still make a great team!

Johanne Draycott – Beavers Team Leader

Cubs Report

What a year we have had, the Cubs have learnt many new skills.

We started the year full pelt straight into badges beginning with doing the Athletes badge, then Emergency Aid stages 1 and 2. Learning how to treat minor injuries, the recovery position and how to get help. All good skill to have. We had a bonfire night where we made Guy Fawkes, campfires and ended with a sparkler or too. The Cubs then went into practising Little Donkey for the carol service, surprisingly the usually loud Cubs went very quiet!! All good fun!

Throughout the year the Cubs have done many activities towards the Challenge award. Such as, fire lighting, international night, sewing badges, ironing neckers, talking about their future selves. A lot of YouTubers in the making. These activities meant some have gained their Skills, Adventure, and Outdoor Challenge badges.

After Christmas we did the Money Skills badge for the first time they all learnt how to budget food for a camp, what money is used else where in the world and how to save using marshmallows. Everyone was given one at the beginning of the night, with the reward of gaining more at the end of the night. Some could not resist the temptation and others saved to gain more.

Outdoor activities started with us doing our hike from Hoby to Rearsby. Then wide games, fire lighting, pioneering plus much more.



Camp was held at the Oaks with a theme of 110 years of scouting. Camp began with a wide game to collect the 110 badges, then we had many activities throughout the weekend. Grass sledging, bouldering, used Kelly Kettles and axes & saws. Cubs also made shelters in the woods and played games including a pinata in the woods.



The year ended with our annual trip to Bradgate Park to fish in the stream, after catching a few tiddlers, some Cubs took fishing to another level, getting themselves fully wet! Then a water night was planned. They enjoyed a variety of games ending with them all being very wet, no complaints as the weather was on our side.

Once gain a big thank you to all our parents who have helped at our meetings, this is truly appreciated and means that the Cubs can enjoy a full Cub experience. Thank you to my right-hand man James (Chill) for his help, support, and ideas. Could not run Cubs without him.

Jayne- Akela



Scouts Report

This has been a great year for the Troop. At the start of this Autumn term we have 17 Scouts, 3 young leaders and 7 uniformed leaders, along with a fantastic group of occasional helpers who are always ready to assist us when we call on them.

During the last year we have managed to continue our annual challenge of doing a nights away event every season. This included a full week camp in the summer and our infamous winter camp.

Pioneering, backwoods cooking, BBQs, team challenges, hiking, cooking, fire lighting, orienteering and first-aid are just some of the traditional activities we have undertaken over these camps and these were mixed with swimming, climbing, campfires, shooting, archery, axe throwing, chip suppers, pizza making and trips to various locations of interest – including a trip around West Midlands Safari Park as part of our summer camp. Our campsite shared a boarder with this Park and yes, we could hear the lions at 4am in the morning – sometimes they were louder than our Scouts!

We are now looking forward to the Autumn term and the programme is fully planned until Christmas. Our final camp of the year will be in October to a brand-new site in Hollygate in Nottinghamshire - information for it has just been released and we are hoping for 100% participation.



Our Monday nights remain active and enjoyable with the aim to get all scouts through their Chief Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Scouts and only the most committed Scouts will get there.

Congratulations to Chris and Riley who achieved this very challenging award in early 2026. We wish you all the best in the future and hope to see you back as young leaders soon.

2027 promises to be a special year as we take the Troop to an International camp. This will be the first since Covid and it promises to be a great week away in August mixing with scouts from all over the world. Information has already been released as the sign-up date is fast approaching – we will be fundraising throughout the year for this to help keep cost down – if anyone wants more information on the event or the fundraising please have a word.

We have again been asked to assist Queniborough's November 5th committee with their annual firework display. Information will be released shortly for what is always an enjoyable event. The funds raised will go towards CamJam.

Thank you to all the leaders and young leaders who have given up so much time over the last twelve months, and welcome back Liam – it's good to have you back in your new role as a young leader. And welcome Fin as a new leader to East Goscote. Without you all we'd achieve nothing.

As always if you want any more information about what we do, or you'd like to help out please speak to me – we always need more help.

Phil, Scouts Team Leader



Group Lead Volunteer Report

2025-2026 has been a year of both celebration & change.

Over the last year we have welcomed Gemma as a Squirrel leader, Darragh & Dominic as Scout leaders.

We have celebrated the 1st birthday of our own Squirrel Drey, along with 5 years since Squirrels were formed nationally, Beavers 40th birthday and 110 years since Cub Scouts were formed.

We also celebrated 50 years of fantastic Scouting in East Goscote. Congratulations to Reni who's badge design was chosen for our 50th birthday badge, which we will be wearing on our uniform for 12 months.



Over these 50 years we have had many volunteers, members and supporters come and go. However we have built a Scout Hall, always delivered excellent Scouting, supported many young people to develop skills for life, make life-long friends, have adventures, and find a place they belong.

The extension to our lease has now been approved and very shortly we will take over the land at the back of our Scout Hall.

This will provide our young people with a safe & secure space for outdoor learning, for many more years.

Back in early 2026 we put a plea out for volunteers to help plan & deliver our fundraising. I'm pleased to report that we now have a strong team of volunteers who have been working hard organising workshops and our Christmas Fayre.

Our Trustees have developed a Fundraising Strategy for the team to follow, as we commence fundraising for major improvements to our building.

Sarah Haywood, our chair for over 10 years, spearheaded the both the renewal of our lease, the recent amendment to the lease and many of our summer fetes and Christmas fayres.

Sarah's support, enthusiasm, drive and commitment to East Goscote Scout Group has been outstanding and we would like to thank her for everything she has done for the Group, as she relinquishes the role to concentrate on her health.

Sarah Town-Smith has stepped down from her role as Beaver Leader. However she is staying with the Group as a Trustee, and kindly stepped into the role of Acting Chair during Sarah's absence.

Thank you to all of our team members for the time they give for the benefit of your young people.

I would also like to thank my Leadership Team and Trustees for all the help and support they have given me in my role as Lead Volunteer.

Dawn, Group Lead Volunteer

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Trustees Report

WOW! Fifty golden years of Scouting for East Goscote – what an achievement!

Heartfelt thanks to all the leaders, helpers, parents and young people who make our fabulous group what it is for so long.

There really aren't many Groups whose Scouts of all ages thrive as ours do, whose leaders stay for so long, and whose Trustee Board is so determined. We've long had a reputation for being a rock-steady Group, active throughout the year. That's why you chose East Goscote Scout Group. You wanted adventure for your young person, you wanted them to have life long skills, you wanted them to be confident. We are there to facilitate all of the above, wrapped up in a red necker worn with pride.



However, we also need you. We really need you to sign up to Gift Aid. I mean we really, really need you to. We have big ambitions for the Group's future. We have plans to invest in the infrastructure of the building. We need to replace the outside storage and erect secure fencing, we need to replace the roof, update the toilets, make the storage space more user friendly etc, as well as ensure that all the kit is safe and useable. We are having a massive push to fundraise for these things, but it's going to be expensive and we are aware of fundraising apathy in a saturated market of children's activities.

Our building was built by my cohort as Venture Scouts with kind and generous donations and gifts, and it's time for an update.

If you are able to support us in any way at all, please let us know. Whether that's time, skills, materials or financial help we would be incredibly grateful.



I doubt I'll see the next 50 years with the Group, however your Squirrel, Beaver, Cub or Scout will. Let's keep the legacy of East Goscote Scouts going together and please take a moment to sign up for Gift Aid. It will make a massive start to our campaign.

You are perhaps already aware that Sarah Haywood, our previous Chair has stepped away from the Group for the time being due to personal circumstances. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and commitment over the years. Her enthusiasm, fun and bubbly personality will be missed. Thank you Sarah and we all wish you well.

Sarah Town-Smith (Wren)
Acting Chair, EGSG Trustee Board

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